

That is what this legislation is all about. I hope in the spirit of what the majority leader talked about today and the President talked about at the White House yesterday we can work together to pass this legislation.

The majority has pieces of legislation that they believe are important to pass. What we should do is work together. They have pieces of our legislation. Maybe we can work together. That is what we should do to pass the legislation. I don't think there would be many who would disagree that this legislation is important. They may not agree with every part of it, but that is what legislation is about. Legislation is the art of compromise. I hope we can move forward and do some compromising and some legislating.

Before the Senator takes his 40 minutes, I would say to my friends on the Democratic side, prior to their arriving, Senator GREGG asked for 40 minutes of the hour that the Republicans have set aside. He will do that now. Do you want to lock in a time for the two Senators now?

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I would need 5 minutes.

Mr. REID. You are entitled to 10. So following the remarks of the Senator from New Hampshire, the Senator from Arkansas will speak. The Senator from Minnesota?

Mr. DAYTON. If I may have 15.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following the statement of the Senator from New Hampshire, the Senator from Arkansas be recognized for up to 10 minutes and the Senator from Minnesota for up to 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. GREGG. I have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from New Hampshire.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I will speak for about 40 minutes. I understood the Senator from Arkansas only needed about 5 minutes. I am happy to yield to her now as long as it does not impact my 40 minutes, if the Senator from Arkansas wishes to proceed.

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I might proceed as in morning business for 5 minutes and that it not take anything out of the time of the Senator from New Hampshire.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL JASON SMEDLEY

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I have some very important guests with me today in the Senate. I wanted to share that with my colleagues as well as my colleagues across the land.

I rise today to pay tribute to a young man who is with me today and who has served on my staff for the past year, Jason Smedley, of Little Rock, AK. We are joined today by his mother and his

girlfriend and many members of my staff. Jason is a lance corporal in the 4th Civil Affairs Group of the U.S. Marine Corps stationed here in Washington, DC.

On Friday, Jason and his colleagues will depart for the Middle East where he will await orders for potential U.S. military action against Iraq. Like all of the men and women who serve in our armed forces to preserve our liberties and ensure global security, Jason is making a tremendous sacrifice in service to his country.

As a senior at Howard University, Jason is only a few months away from completing studies and earning his degree which he plans to earn upon his return. He will be leaving behind his 2-year old daughter Isis and his parents James and Carolyn Smedley, all of Little Rock, AK.

For the next few months, Jason is offering his service in a cause greater than himself. I know that all of my colleagues and the American people join me in honoring Jason and the tens of thousands of men and women who, just like him, face similar sacrifices in the coming weeks and months.

From Arkansas alone, as of last week nearly 700 Guardsmen and reservists have been activated in support of the war on terrorism and for potential action against Iraq. These include troops from Little Rock, North Little Rock, Lincoln, Ogden, Ozark, Siloam Springs, Van Buren, Fayetteville, Pine Bluff, and Fort Smith. I ask unanimous consent that the list of Arkansas units currently activated in support of the war on terrorism and potential action against Iraq be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(See exhibit 1.)

Mrs. LINCOLN. We are proud of each and every one of these men and women for their commitment to this country and to each of us. We look forward to welcoming them back when their work overseas is done. My own father who passed away in October was a veteran of the Korean war. He taught me to always respect the great commitment made by our troops in fighting to protect our freedoms. Our troops of today's generation deserve the same respect.

During Jason's service to Arkansas as a member of my staff, I have appreciated his hard work, as well as his energy and positive attitude. I look forward to welcoming him back to my staff as soon as possible. I am sure all of my colleagues here will join me in wishing Lance Corporal Jason Smedley the best in the months ahead.

I thank his mother and girlfriend for being here to share that with us today. Most importantly, I ask my colleagues, as we enter into the challenging months we have before us in this great country, that we look not only within ourselves but around us to our immediate family, to our extended family, to our Senate family, and to all of

those lives that are going to be, have been, and will be affected. This is a great country. The freedoms we enjoy, the incredible potential that we have is right here in people such as Jason Smedley.

I ask my colleagues to join me as we wish Jason well in his endeavors and as he goes to take on whatever his duties may be on behalf of the American people. I thank my colleague from New Hampshire for affording me the opportunity to salute someone who has meant an awful lot to me in my life and in my work and now to me, as an American citizen, and to the rest of this great country.

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, especially, to Lance Corporal Jason Smedley. We bid you well.

Thank you, Mr. President.

EXHIBIT 1

The following units from Arkansas have been activated as of December 31, 2002:

Army National Guard:

N. Little Rock, State Area Command, AR Army NG HQ;

Ft. Smith, 142nd Field Artillery HHB, 2nd Battalion;

Lincoln, 2-142nd Field Artillery, HHSB, Detachment 1;

Ogden, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion Co. A, Detachment 4;

Ogden, 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion Co. A, Detachment 3;

Ozark, 142nd Field Artillery Battery C, 2nd Battalion;

Siloam Springs, 142nd Field Artillery, 2nd Battalion, Battery B;

Van Buren, 142nd Field Artillery, 2nd Battalion, Battery A;

West Memphis, 216th Military Police Company Guard Company;

Little Rock, 149th Medical Company Forward, Detachment 1; and

Little Rock, State Area Command, AR Army National Guard HQ.

Army Reserve:

Fayetteville, 362nd Psychological Ops. Co. EF SPT ELE;

Fayetteville, 362nd Psychological Ops. OEF SPT ELE 2;

Little Rock, 431st Civil Affairs Battalion;

Little Rock, 460 Chemical Brigade, Detachment 1; and

Pine Bluff, 92nd Chemical Battalion, Detachment 1.

Air National Guard:

Little Rock, 189th Airlift Wing; and
Fort Smith, 189th Airlift Wing.

Navy Reserves:

Little Rock, Naval Support Activity Bahrain, Detachment C.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUNNING). The Senator from New Hampshire is recognized.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I join with the Senator from Arkansas in thanking her staff member for going to serve our country. We wish him good luck and godspeed as he goes forth to protect us.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I wanted to speak today on a number of issues—primarily on the issue of the legislation we passed a year ago, which was landmark legislation, called “No Child